

(5) urges the Government of Ukraine to meet its Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) commitments on democratic elections and to address issues previously identified by the Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the OSCE in its final reports on the 2002 parliamentary elections and the 1999 Presidential elections, such as illegal interference by public authorities in the campaign and a high degree of bias in the media;

(6) urges the Ukrainian authorities to ensure—

(A) the full transparency of election procedures before, during, and after the second round of the 2004 Presidential election;

(B) free access for Ukrainian and international election observers;

(C) multiparty representation on all election commissions;

(D) unimpeded access by all parties and candidates to print, radio, television, and Internet media on a non-discriminatory basis;

(E) freedom of candidates, members of opposition parties, and independent media organizations from intimidation or harassment by government officials at all levels, including selective tax audits and other regulatory procedures, and in the case of media, license revocations, and libel suits;

(F) a transparent process for complaint and appeals through electoral commissions and within the court system that provides timely and effective remedies;

(G) vigorous prosecution of any individual or organization responsible for violations of election laws or regulations, including the application of appropriate administrative or criminal penalties;

(H) remedies to all improprieties reported in the first round of the Presidential election in Ukraine, including—

(i) the replacement at a polling station of any Territorial Election Commission member found to have engaged in fraud;

(ii) a complete review of voter lists in each polling station in order to correct inaccuracies;

(iii) equal time on state media and equal access to private media for the two runoff candidates; and

(iv) immediate prosecution of individuals who have violated the election law;

(7) further calls upon the Government of Ukraine to guarantee election monitors from the ODIHR, other participating states of the OSCE, Ukrainian political parties, representatives of candidates, nongovernmental organizations, and other private institutions and organizations, both foreign and domestic, unobstructed access to all aspects of the election process, including unimpeded access to public campaign events, candidates, news media, voting, and post-election tabulation of results and processing of election challenges and complaints;

(8) urges the President to fully employ the diplomatic and other resources of the Government of the United States to encourage the Government of Ukraine to ensure that the election laws and procedures of Ukraine are faithfully adhered to by all local and national officials, by others acting at their behest, and by all candidates and parties, during and subsequent to the Presidential campaign and election-day voting;

(9) strongly encourages the President to clearly communicate to the Government of Ukraine, to all parties and candidates in Ukraine, and to the people of Ukraine the high importance attached by the Government of the United States to this Presidential campaign as a central factor in determining the future relationship between the two countries;

(10) strongly encourages the President to consider visa bans and other targeted sanc-

tions on those responsible for encouraging or participating in any efforts to improperly influence the outcome of the election, whether through direct or indirect involvement; and

(11) pledges its enduring support and assistance to the people of Ukraine for the establishment of a fully free and open democratic system, the creation of a prosperous free market economy, the establishment of a secure independence and freedom from coercion, and Ukraine's assumption of its rightful place as a full and equal member of the Western community of democracies.

ORDER FOR PRINTING MAIDEN SPEECHES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all maiden speeches by new Senators from the 108th Congress be printed as a Senate document, provided further that Senators have until the close of business tomorrow, Friday, November 19, to submit such statements.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR PRINTING TRIBUTES TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed as individual Senate documents, a compilation of materials from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in tribute to retiring Senators of the 108th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: No. 940, No. 941, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Navy.

I ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

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IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brigadier General John H. Folkerts, 4060

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, 5759

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE NAVY

PN2021 NAVY nominations (457) beginning ARMAND P ABAD, and ending MATTHEW P

ZENTZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2004.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the following nominations be discharged from their respective committees and that they be placed on the calendar. From the Foreign Relations Committee, three nominations to the United Nations that are at the desk: PN 1847, PN 1846, PN 1975; from the HELP Committee, seven nominations: PN 1722, PN 1651, PN 1623, PN 1624, PN 2046, PN 1654, and PN 1509.

I finally ask unanimous consent the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2004

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 19. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1047, the miscellaneous tariffs bill, provided that there be 30 minutes divided with Chairman GRASSLEY in control of 10 minutes, Senator BAUCUS in control of 10 minutes, Senator FEINGOLD for up to 8 minutes, and Senator KOHL for up to 2 minutes; provided further that at the conclusion of that time the Senate proceed to the cloture vote on the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will vote on cloture on the miscellaneous tariffs conference report. It is our expectation that cloture will be invoked by a large margin, and I hope we will complete our work on this measure in short order. Also, during tomorrow's session we are continuing to await the Omnibus appropriations conference report from the House of Representatives. Finally, we will also consider the intelligence reform legislation if it becomes available.